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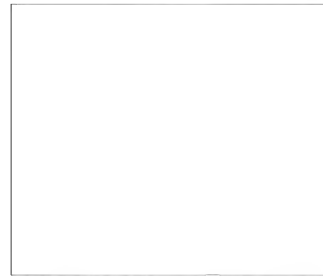
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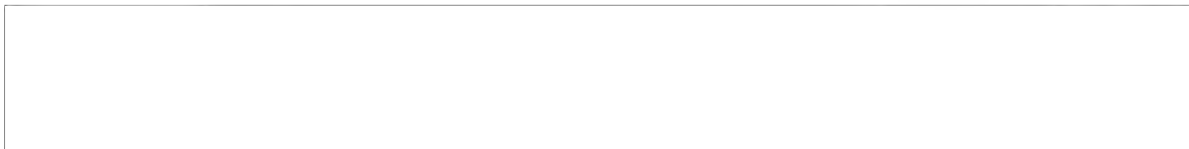
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1. A delegation of the Central Committee of the Czechoslovak Communist Party, headed by Václav Krutina, recently appointed secretary of the Party, left on 7 Nov 53 for Dunapentele, to settle difficulties between Czechoslovak engineers and technicians on the one hand and the management of the Sztalinvaros combine.
2. Construction of the giant steel works there has been put well behind schedule by a series of workers' revolts and acts of sabotage. The directors of the Sztalinvaros combine accuse the Czechoslovaks working there as being responsible and have asked for their removal. There has been strong Soviet pressure on both countries to improve relations, and the delegation is expected to secure a general agreement regulating various questions at issue.
3. Matyas Rakosi is expected to be personally present during the negotiations at Dunapentele, but his willingness to reach a general agreement is not yet assured.

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